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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions:

Please cancel claims 4 and 5.

Listing of claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A forestry management process comprising:
 - inserting, ~~by making a hole~~, at least one tag having a frequency capable of being read by a scanner into a trunk portion of a mature tree;
 - associating at least one item of information with said at least one tag;
 - performing at least one subsequent scan on said at least one tag, wherein said subsequent scan takes place after said at least one tag is inserted into said tree;
 - obtaining said at least one item of information associated with said at least one tag;
 - wherein said at least one item of information is relevant to forestry management;
 - ~~wherein the inserting of said at least one tag has a negligible physiological impact on said tree.~~
 - wherein at least one of said at least one tag is inserted in the base portion of said tree, and wherein said tag in the base portion of said tree matches said tag in the trunk portion of said tree, whereby matching includes at least one piece of common information;
 - harvesting said trunk portion of said tree, wherein said tag in the base portion of said tree remains unharvested.

2. (Canceled) The forestry management process as in claim 1, wherein the inserting of said at least one tag has a negligible physiological impact on said tree.

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3. (Previously Presented) The forestry management process as in claim 1, wherein the inserting of said at least one tag leaves an immediate minimal visual mark on said tree.
4. (Canceled) The forestry management process as in claim 1, wherein at least one of said at least one tag is inserted into the trunk portion of said tree.
5. (Canceled) The forestry management process as in claim 4, wherein at least one of said at least one tag is inserted in the base portion of said tree, and wherein said tag in the base portion of said tree matches said tag in the trunk portion of said tree.
6. (Original) The forestry management process as in claim 1, wherein said at least one item of information is changed after performing said subsequent scan.
7. (Original) The forestry management process as in claim 1, wherein said at least one item of information comprises at least one of a tree identifier, a border marking, an owner marking, an environmental assessment, an area identifier, and a harvest date.
8. (Original) The forestry management process as in claim 1, wherein said at least one item of information is related to data in a remote data base.
9. (Previously Presented) The forestry management process as in claim 8, wherein said data in said remote data base comprises instructions on when to harvest said tree.
10. (Original) The forestry management process as in claim 1, further comprising sending said at least one item of information associated with said at least one tag to a computer

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11. (Previously Presented) The forestry management process as in claim 10, wherein said computer gives instruction when to harvest said tree.
12. (Original) The forestry management process as in claim 10, wherein said computer system is linked with a computer.
13. (Original) The forestry management process as in claim 10, wherein said computer is linked with a scanning system.
14. (Previously Presented) The forestry management process as in claim 1, wherein said subsequent scan is performed with a scanner mounted on at least one of a lumber yard entrance, a lumber yard building, and a truck inspection station.
15. (Original) The forestry management process as in claim 1, wherein said frequency is a radio frequency.
16. (Original) The forestry management process as in claim 1, wherein at least one of said at least one tag is passive.
17. (Original) The forestry management process as in claim 1, wherein at least one of said at least one tag is active.
18. (Currently Amended) A forestry management process comprising:
 inserting, ~~by making a hole~~, at least one tag having a frequency capable of being read by a scanner into a ~~mature~~ tree;
 scanning said at least one tag by a person;
 associating at least one item of information with said at least one tag;
 performing at least one subsequent scan on said at least one tag;
 obtaining said at least one item of information associated with said at least one tag;

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inserting a second tag into a base portion of said tree;
wherein said frequency is identifiable over other frequencies;
wherein said at least one item of information is relevant to forestry
management;
wherein said at least one item of information is related to data in a remote
data base;
~~wherein the inserting of said at least one tag has a negligible physiological
impact on said tree;~~
wherein information associated with said at least one tag includes a
harvest identifier; and
harvesting said tree, wherein at least one tag remains in said tree at least
until said tree arrives at a processing center;
wherein said second tag is not harvested with said tree, and wherein said
second tag matches at least one piece of information associated with said at
least one tag.

19. (Previously Presented) The forestry management process as in claim 18,
wherein said person may alter said associated data.

20. (Currently Amended) A forestry management process comprising:

~~inserting, by making a hole,~~ at least one tag having a frequency capable of
being read by a scanner into a harvesting portion of a tree and wherein said
frequency is pre-associated with at least one item of information relating to
forestry management;

scanning said at least one tag;

obtaining said at least one item of information associated with said at least
one tag;

wherein said at least one item of information is related to forestry
management; and

inserting at least one additional tag into a stump portion of said tree,
where said stump portion is a non-harvested portion of said tree;

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wherein said least one additional tag matches said at least one tag;
wherein said at least one tag is associated with information concerning the
location of said at least one additional tag;
~~wherein the said at least one tag leaves a minimal visual mark in the
harvesting portion of said tree.~~